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Number of persons convicted for Prohibition offences.

* 1396 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state how many persons were convicted in the State during 1952–53 for offences concerned with Prohibition?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" 65,751, Sir "

Watering of the roads by the Panur Panchayat Board, North Malabar, within its limits.

* 1397 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaint from the Panur Panchayat Board in North Malabar regarding the refusal of the Government to sanction the watering of the roads by the Board within its limits?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Sir. The Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has since permitted the Panur Panchayat in Malabar district to incur expenditure on watering the Bazaar road in the panchayat area."

Expenditure incurred on the rehabilitation of refugees.

* 1398 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent towards the rehabilitation of refugees during 1951–52 and 1952–53; and

(*b*) the number of refugees who enjoyed the above help?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*)

	1951–52	1952–53.
	RS.	RS.
	1,21,940	2,49,266
" (*b*)	631 adults	659 adults.
	204 children.	204 children."

Coconut Nursery at Pattambi, South Malabar.

* 1399 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to shift the Coconut Nursery from Pattambi, South Malabar, to some other place;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) There was a proposal not to shift but to close down the coconut nursery at Pattambi mainly on account of poor water-supply facilities.

" (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (c) It is proposed to continue the nursery at Pattambi in order to raise about 5,000 seedlings for distribution to the small growers in the neighbourhood."

Fixation of minimum bus fare in the mufassal.

* 1400 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to fix the minimum bus fare in the mufassal at a rate lower than five annas?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that the Hon. Minister himself promised to look into the matter on a previous occasion, in view of the fact that the rate of five annas fixed as the minimum is very excessive and in view of the present economic depression will the Government consider the question immediately of reducing the fare? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We will examine the suggestion with reference to the rules."

Supply of electricity to Tyagadurgam, Kallakurichi and Chinnasalem, South Arcot district.

* 1401 Q.—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any scheme for the supply of electricity from Vettavalam to Tyagadurgam, Kallakurichi and Chinnasalem has been sanctioned; and

(b) if so, when it was sanctioned and when it is proposed to be implemented?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) Yes. A scheme for extension of supply of electricity to Kallakurichi, Tyagadurgam and Chinnasalem in South Arcot district, Mettur Electricity System, was sanctioned in December 1952 and it will be taken up for execution in the current year."